RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-124

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS ENDORSING THE APPLICATION FOR THE DESIGNATION OF BASTROP, TEXAS AS A BIRD CITY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council has appointed the City Manager as the Chief Administrative Officer of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is responsible for the proper administration of all affairs of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop has an interest in improving native bird habitats; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop was one (1) of only 14 cities to receive an invitation to apply for the inaugural Bird City pilot program administered by Audubon Texas and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department; and

WHEREAS, Bastrop City Council received an overview and presentation of the Bird City Texas Program on November 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Bird City Texas Program sets a new standard for communities to manage wildlife habitats, prevent injuries to birds, and engage and educate the community; and

WHEREAS, approximately 4.4 million Texans are wildlife viewers, including 2.2 million birdwatchers, who generate \$1.8 billion in economic impact for Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Bird City Texas Program will be administered by the Bird City Texas Collaborative Coalition, a subcommittee of the Bastrop Park Board/Public Tree Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas finds that a very significant public interest is served by the completion of an application for the designation of Bastrop, Texas as a Bird City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS:

Section 1: That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents for the application, including a letter endorsing the application, affirming the Coalition has completed the activities required on the application, and committing to meeting the program requirements for the three years of the certification.

<u>Section 2:</u> All orders, ordinances, and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and it is so resolved.

DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bastrop this 11th day of December 2018.

APPROVED:

Connie B. Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann Franklin, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alan Bojorquez, City Attorney